

To: Delaware State Senate

From: Developmental Disabilities Council

Date: June 12, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 407 Mental Health Patients' Bill of Rights

The Developmental Disabilities Council has reviewed H.B. No. 407 Mental Health Patients' Bill of Rights. We understand that this Bill would add various protections to the Mental Health Patients' Bill of Rights Act, including safeguards in the use of restraints and an improved patient grievance system for Delaware Psychiatric Center patients.

The DD Council **strongly supports H.B. No. 407**. Should you have any questions regarding our comments please contact our office at 739-3333. Thank you.